



St John the Evangelist Farsley

10.30_{am} Holy Communion for Easter Day

Service to be uploaded to St Johns Farsley on Youtube

Welcome

The Service of Light

Introduction to the service, and the Easter Candle is lit.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The minister raises the candle and says

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Let us pray:

Eternal God, set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn 1) Jesus Christ is risen today!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBNamFYN_6E

We pray for our children, our families, and ABC Church.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As God's forgiven people, with joy we say:
**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect for Easter Day

**God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned and the way to life
stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading

Acts 10.34-43

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 2) See what a Morning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Qlc0UIRkBk>

The Gospel

John 20.1-18

When it is announced

Jesus has the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: Sue

Hymn 3) Christ is Risen, Phil Wickham

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMX9CNgRJCM>

Affirmation of Faith

STAND

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles;
this we have received,
and this we believe.**

Amen.

Intercessions

SIT for our time of prayer. This response may be used:
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

STAND

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

They were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Wherever you are, the peace of the risen Christ be always
with you, **and also with you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

(Prayer G)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and
archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right
hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these
gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The minister receives communion on behalf of the people, and says

The body of Christ, keep us in eternal life, &
The blood of Christ, shed for all of us.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion prayer is said

God of Life, who for our redemption gave
your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from
the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn 4) Thine be the Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRWhlKcJw9U>

We give thanks for the offerings we have made this week, in person, in our practical care for others, and in our financial giving for the work of the church, and we ask God to bless it all.

Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill *you* with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.
Amen.

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*We will continue to upload online services every Sunday
until the suspension of public worship in churches is lifted
and we are able to meet in church.*

Do come and join us again!

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